

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## Children's, Youth & Family Ministries

*That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forebears have told us,  
we will not hide from our children.*

*We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of God,  
and the wonderful works God has done.*

Ur Psalm 78:3-4

August 10, 2014

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Vol. 6, Issue 34

### From Mary Anthony

Today our lessons from the Lectionary are 1 Kings 19:9-18, Psalm 85:8-13, Romans 10:5-15, and the gospel is Matthew 14:22-33.

During the summer there will be a Godly Play Story time for the younger children ages 3 to 7 or grades Pre-k - 2<sup>nd</sup>. Older children ages 8 and above will attend church with their parents. This week the children will hear The Story of Jacob. This story focuses on the person, Jacob, who the angel named Israel. It introduces the origin of the twelve tribes of Israel. The story of Jacob adds to the core narrative of the journey of the people of God from the beginning of the Great Family to the Exodus. Heather Coyle is our Storyteller this week. Weather permitting the children will go outside following the story for outdoor activities.

Please mark your calendars now for our upcoming Parent Meeting next month on Sunday, August 24 following our 10 am service. This meeting will be to discuss the upcoming school year, sign up to teach, discuss Youth Group activities, and to discuss Vacation Bible School for next summer. I hope all of our parents can attend this planning meeting.

Looking ahead, Rally Sunday and Church School Registration will be Sunday, September 7 and Sunday School will start the following week on Sunday, September 14.

### Collect for Sunday

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



### ☸ Sunday Schedule ☸

- 9:00am - Nursery opens
- 9:45am - Godly Play Choir (during the school year)
- 10:00am - Godly Play Class (Pre-K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades meet Wednesday evenings 6 - 9 pm
- 10:00am - Holy Eucharist  
*Children join their parents in  
Church at the Peace*
- 11:45am - Youth Choir (during the school year)

## Nursery (Infants to age 3)

Unless otherwise noted, the Nursery is open from 9:00 am until the end of the **10am** service. Please sign your child in and out, and remain in the building in case of an emergency. Our Nursery Attendant is **Cara Mickens**. Please come meet Cara.

## Summer time Primary - (Ages 3 - 7)

The Godly Play classroom is located in Canterbury House, just inside the door on your left. The goal of Godly Play is to teach children the art of using religious language - parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action - to help them become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives. The ideal Godly Play session has four parts-Opening, Hearing the Word of God, Sharing the Feast, and Leaving the Space. Led by **Storytellers Mary Anthony, Kathleen Chase, Heather Coyle, Linda Garman, Carol Goslee, Kim Hennigan, and MeDuring Melinda Rucinski, Tracy French, and Michelle Meade** on a rotating basis. Visit them in the classrooms. If you would like to make a difference in the lives of some great children and have fun doing it, contact Mary Anthony about assisting on a rotating basis in the Godly Play class. See the sign-up calendar on the Christian Education Bulletin Board.

## Summer time Intermediate (Ages 8 - 11)

During the summer months children ages 8 and above will attend church with their parents. This is a great way for the older children to learn the different parts of the service.

## Middle School & High School (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

The Middle and High School Sunday School Class are on hiatus during the summer. The youth attend church with their parents.

## Youth Group (6<sup>th</sup> Grade & Up)

The Youth Group meets are on hiatus during the summer. The youth go on a Mission Trip every year during the summer for a week.

## Children's Ministry Committee

Fr. Eric Funston, Mary Anthony, Heather Coyle  
Rosana Powell, Kim and Sean Hennigan and  
Melinda & Steve Rucinski.

### For Parents

#### THE BLESSING OF A B MINUS Gain Perspective On The College Admissions Frenzy

Dr. Wendy Mogul, PhD. writes; ""You can study your teenager's temperament, and you can accept the ups and downs of adolescent development, but unless you can disengage from the college admissions frenzy, you will find it difficult to allow your child to bloom in his own way, on his own schedule. You'll be too caught up in the belief that every choice your child makes, starting around age twelve, will be reflected on the all-important college application.

It's true that the world has changed since you and I were young. Middle school is more academically rigorous, high school is harder, and college admissions are more competitive. But our generation's particular challenge as parents is to acknowledge this reality without exaggerating it. Let's start with the myth that only students who attend the most selective, highest-in-the-U.S. *News-poll* schools can achieve real success. In his 2004 *Atlantic* article "Who Needs Harvard?" Greg Easterbrook cites admissions officers who believe that there are about a hundred colleges that deliver the same quality education as what Easterbrook calls the top-of-the-list "glamour" schools. He also describes a 1999 study, conducted by Alan Krueger of Princeton and Stacy Berg Dale of the Andrew Mellon Foundation, of students who were accepted at Ivy League schools but chose to go elsewhere because of better financial aid packages, a location closer to home, or other advantages. Twenty years after graduation, these students made as much money as their Ivy League peers.

Lloyd Thacker, the author of *College Unranked*, is a former college admissions officer and the founder of the Education Conservancy, a nonprofit organization with the mission of restoring sanity to the college application process. Its motto? "Collectively we have robbed students of their senior year." Thacker says it is the *student* who contributes most significantly to the educational payoff, not the college. The most reliable predictors of adult success are not grades in high school or a collegiate pedigree. They are the qualities that psychologist Daniel Goleman calls emotional intelligence: empathy, optimism, flexibility, a good sense of humor, the capacity to function as a team member, and a positive reaction to setbacks. ""

One teaching that resonated with readers of *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee* is the Chassidic proverb "If your child has talent to be a baker, don't ask him to be a doctor." Your child needs a post-high school experience that is a good fit for his temperament, needs, and talents. You want him to explore his interests, form supportive friendships, and stretch toward maturity. This means accepting that your child might actually want to be a baker, not a business whiz, and go to cooking school, not Stanford. ""

Next week: "Stop Measuring and Comparing"  
From "The Blessing of a B Minus" by Wendy Mogul, PhD.

## In Church School this week:

Each week, the children's and youth Sunday School classes focus on a passage from Scripture. These follow the same Revised Common Lectionary that provides readings for Sunday services. We use a curriculum, Seasons of the Spirit, to tailor a lesson for each class that is interactive, fun and age appropriate. This section features the Scripture learned that week in Sunday School, along with some questions to ask about during the week.

### Focus Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

*~From the Lectionary Page*

### What's it all about?

This story is in a section on instructing the disciples about their mission. It is a story of miracles - there is no limit to what God can do - and of the power of faith: the disciples can do the seemingly impossible if they have sufficient faith.

Jesus has just fed the crowd, in the miracle of the loaves and fish. He compels the disciples to embark (v. 22); presumably the miracle has aroused popular enthusiasm - in terms of political freedom rather than faith. Because the Sea of Galilee is shallow, storms arise rapidly. It was "early in the morning" (v. 25); from the Greek, we know it was

before dawn. Walking on water was beyond the disciples' experience, so they are afraid that they are seeing a ghost. The three miracles are: Jesus walking on water, Peter doing the same, and the wind ceasing abruptly - that Matthew mentions it (v. 32) shows that he believed it to be a miracle. Jesus brings outward and inner calm, and a deeper faith. The disciples acknowledge him as "Son of God" (v. 33) for as God did at the time of creation, Jesus controls the waters, then believed to be chaotic and evil. Jesus is God's agent of renewal.

*~From Revised Common Lectionary  
Chris Haslam 1996-2014*

### Questions:

- ? What are the three miracles mentioned in this scripture ?
- ? What is said that the disciples can do if they have faith ?

### Prayer:

God of awe, from whom we flee in holy terror:  
your silence burns like ice;  
your whisper cuts through fear;  
we long to hear your faithful word  
of righteousness and peace.  
Bless us with bold belief  
even in the darkness of the night  
and the assault of life's storms,  
that we may be messengers of your justice,  
in the name of the One whom wind and wave  
obey. Amen.

*~From The Revised Common Lectionary*

## Meditation

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.  
~Psalm 85:8-13

## Happy Birthday...

Owen Garmen (8/04)



## Planning Ahead

### Sunday, August 10

- Nursery opens at 9:30 am
- Godly Play Story time and activities, Grades Pre-k -3<sup>rd</sup>, 10 am,
- Children and Youth grades 3<sup>rd</sup> and up attend church with their parents

### Sunday, August 17

- Nursery opens at 9:30 am
- Godly Play Story time and activities, Grades Pre-k - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10 am
- Children and youth Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> and up attend church with their parents

### Sunday, August 24

- Parent/Teacher Meeting following 10 am service

## Contact Information

Mary Anthony, Director of Religious Education  
manthony515@yahoo.com

Fr. Eric Funston, Rector  
cfunston@stpauls-medina.org

Church Office:  
317 E. Liberty St.  
Medina, OH 44256  
330-725-4131

Barbara Fieger, Youth Choir Director  
bxfmusic@yahoo.com  
216-544-3865

Melinda Rucinski, Cherub Choir Director  
[mrucinski@aol.com](mailto:mrucinski@aol.com)  
330-321-4611

## Acolyte Reminders!

August 10: TBA

August 17: Nicholas Coyle

Please remember to get a sub by the Wednesday before you are to serve if you are unable to make your commitment, and then let the office know no later than that Wednesday before.